1	2	3	4
West Central	0	0	20
Western	0	25	93
Northern	0	0	42
North Eastern	0	0	4
Southern	0	0	72
East Coast	0	0	3
East Central	0	0	7
South Eastern	0	0	6
Northeast Frontier	0	0	2
South Central	0	8	0
TOTAL	0	42	321

(e) Catering services on trains are provided through pantry cars, train side vending and static catering units at stations *en route*. Attachment of pantry cars is considered based on various considerations such as priority of the train, journey time, commercial justification and availability of pantry cars. Presently catering services are provided in Kaifiyat Express through on-train supply from stationary catering units (Train Side Vending).

(f) Prices of standard meals, tea/coffee and breakfast are fixed by Railway Board taking into account the cost of raw materials, fuel, staff cost, packaging, etc. Menu and tariff of *a-la-catre* food items are decided by IRCTC and Zonal Railways in a similar fashion. These prices are considered reasonable. Regular watch is kept to ensure that the catering licensees do not overcharge the passengers while selling standard and *a-la-catre* food items at stations and on trains. Action is taken against licensees found overcharging railways passengers.

Increasing the allocation of rice to Mizoram

*337. SHRI LALHMING LIANA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the crisis of food security in Mizoram and the gravity of famine situation in that State;

(b) whether Government has received any appeal from the Government of Mizoram to enhance allocation of APL/BPL/AAY rice to save the people of Mizoram from starvation; and

(c) if so, whether Government proposes to solve this problem by conceding the appeal of the Government of Mizoram, and the time frame for enhancement of allocation alongwith the action taking thereon, so far?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Keeping in view requests received from the Government of Mizoram from time to time, the Department of Food & Public Distribution has allocated foodgrains to the State as under:

I. Allocation under TPDS: At present the State Government of Mizoram is being allocated full quota of foodgrains @35 kg per family per month for all the three categories i.e. AAY (0.26 lakhs families), BPL (0.42 lakhs families) and APL (0.99 lakhs families) as per applicable norms.

II. *Ad-hoc*/Festival allocations of wheat since April 2007. In addition, *ad-hoc*/additional allocation of wheat at APL rate @300 tons per month from April to July, 2007 and @312 tons per month for November and December 2007 and 312 tons as festival allocation has been made.

III. Welfare Schemes: Besides the TPDS, 4840 tons of foodgrains have been allocated under various Welfare Schemes.

IV. Additional allocations: In view of loss of crop production, based on recommendations of the Central Team which visited the State in June, 2007, and approval of the High Level Committee as part of calamity relief, 3000 tons of rice from May to July 2007 and 1581 tons of rice from August to September 2007 were allocated additionally.

V. Additional allocations at Economic Cost: On the request of the State Government, additional allocation have been made at economic cost as under:

Rice (in tons)	Period
3624	Per month from April to June 2007
3000	In October 2007
5000	Per month from November 2007 to March 2008

VI. Whenever the State Government could not lift allocated quantities of rice and wheat. extension of validity period for their lifting has been agreed.

Passenger growth patterns in main routes in Andhra Pradesh

*338. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state

(a) what is the average number of days that a passenger must book a ticket for AC accommodation in Godavari Express in advance in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that 20 days advance booking is needed to confirm an AC berth for the Godavari Express from Secunderbad station;

(c) to what extent Government has made any study of passenger demands for important trains like the Godavari Express, Gowthani Express, Norzapur Express and Charminar Express in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the steps proposed to get an outside agency to study passenger growth pattern o main routes in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD): (a) and (b) The advance reservation in 2727/2728, Secunderabad-Vishakhapatnam, Godavari Express can be done 60 days in advance. On an average the reservation is generally available in Air Condition classes in this train from Secunderbad 8 to 15 days in advance during normal period